

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA  
BECKLEY**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

CRIMINAL NO. 5:14-00244

DONALD L. BLANKENSHIP

**UNITED STATES' OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANT'S MOTION  
FOR PERMISSION TO TRAVEL TO NORTH CAROLINA**

Comes now the United States of America, by Assistant United States Attorney Steven R. Ruby, and respectfully submits this Opposition to Defendant's Motion for Permission to Travel to North Carolina. Defendant seeks a three-day trip to North Carolina to engage in unspecified business activities there. He says that the trip could take place any time between August 17, 2015, and September 18, 2015. For reasons set forth in a separate submission made this same day, the United States respectfully opposes Defendant's request.

Respectfully submitted,

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